



Residential Yard Trimmings  
are Collected at Curb Side



Collected yard trimmings are processed at  
a mulching and composting facility





Trucks drop collected yard trimmings on an asphalt pad



A large, dark pile of yard trimmings, including grass, leaves, and twigs, is shown. Interspersed within the organic material are various pieces of plastic and other debris, such as a red and white container, a blue plastic bottle, and other unidentifiable fragments. The pile is situated outdoors, with a bright, overexposed area in the bottom left corner and a clear sky visible at the top.

Almost all delivered yard trimmings have  
some contamination



Some loads have extremely  
heavy contamination





Workers initially pull out large contamination items





Processing Equipment includes a trommel screen, conveyors, and a picking station





The trommel screen separates out small size particles, such as grass clippings





A photograph showing several workers in an industrial setting, likely a recycling or waste processing facility. They are standing along a long conveyor belt or sorting station filled with a large pile of dark, organic material, possibly mulch or compost. The workers are wearing orange safety shirts and caps. The structure has a corrugated metal roof with skylights and blue tarpaulin walls. The text "Workers pull out remaining contaminants at the picking station" is overlaid in white at the bottom.

Workers pull out remaining  
contaminants at the picking station



The material is processed  
to a smaller size in a grinder





Mulched material is placed into windrows for the composting process





Finished material is loaded into trucks  
for delivery to end-use customers







Some material is available for free to residents at several give-away sites



Substantial quantities of mulch  
are delivered to farmers





Mulch is spread in the fields





Farmers appreciate the many  
beneficial aspects of using mulch

